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## GOVERNOR SAYS IT ROBS US

### CORES PROPOSAL OF CONGRESS ON LAND LAWS.

#### Legislature to Protest Against the Government Retaining Timber Land Titles—Retard Development.

"At last it appears that our public men are taking a tumble to themselves," and the West will soon be a unit in demanding a halt on the high handed policy of the administration in land matters. The following is a press dispatch of recent date from Salem:

In a special message to the legislature Governor Chamberlain has said the following ill-effects would be experienced by Oregon if the Congressional proposal to retain title to timber lands and sell only the timber were carried out:

Development of the state hampered.

School funds deprived of thousands of dollars.

Oregon's forests sacrificed to promote and finance reclamation schemes in other states.

Withdrawal from Oregon of 20,000,000 acres.

Citizens forever hindered from acquiring homesteads or timber claims in the most heavily timbered state in the country.

The Governor has urged immediate consideration of the matter, and President Haines has appointed Senators Miller, of Linn and Marion Booth and Bowerman to prepare a memorial to Congress.

Governor Chamberlain has intimated to the Legislature that Oregon should not submit to having the most valuable of its resources placed in such condition as to not only retard, but absolutely prevent the development of the state.

"Already," says the message, 1,569,838 acres of land have been practically withdrawn from settlement and cultivation by being placed within Federal reserves, and this covers at least one-fifth of the territory of the state.

"It is impossible," continues the message, "to tell how much more of the state's territory is to be withdrawn from settlement, sale and cultivation by this proposed new law in case it is enacted by Congress. It may be equal if not greater in acreage than is now included in Federal reserves."

Attention of the Governor was called to the measure pending in Congress by a newspaper dispatch, and while he desired to go into details on the subject, his time was limited in which to get his message before the Senate and House prior to their week-end adjournment. For this reason he did not gather more data and more telling statistics than those incorporated in his document. The effect of the message was electrical.

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The bill provides that the title of land shall remain with the government, but that the timber can be sold to the highest bidder. This policy should denude the forests and then the land would be nearly worthless.

"Senator Fulton has offered an amendment providing that 25 per cent of the money received from the sale of timber shall go to the counties from which it is removed, this being in lieu of the taxes which the counties would receive from the land. Well, that 25 per cent would be all the county could ever receive. The remaining 75 per cent is to go to the reclamation fund, from which Oregon derives no benefit, except a small enterprise in Klamath county; for the government has repeatedly turned us down on reclamation projects.

"This means that Oregon would be paying \$1,000,000 into a fund for reclamation projects in Idaho and other states. Then the bill providing for the sale of the timber allows corporations to bid so far above the individual holders that the latter would stand no show."

That the state would be placed at a standstill, as well as robbed of millions of dollars commercially through the regulations of the act is unquestioned, according to statements made at Salem by members of the legislature.

### DON'T BE TOO SURE BROTHES.

In the Oregonian's editorial published elsewhere in this issue of The Examiner, Gifford Pinchot is given praise for having "secured the adherence of the stockmen to the policy of leasing the government ranges." Whatever persuasiveness Mr. Pinchot may have credit for using was just so much lost energy, in the light of past events, which history shows a certain class of stockmen to have been the originators of the leasing policy, but were so bitterly opposed by the smaller stockman of the country that, in spite of the vigorous efforts on the part of certain class of organized stockgrowers and the millions of dollars expended by them to have the policy adopted, the measure was defeated at two congresses, and for a while the scheme was thought to be a dead issue. Mr. Pinchot has the confidence of the people, which fact makes his influence valuable prey for those wide-awake stockmen who have tried various other methods of creating the range leasing policy. The people have not forgotten the fight that was put up by the small stockmen and the settlers against the range leasing measure in 1901 and 1902. However different the proposal promoted by Mr. Pinchot may seem to the people, the principle is the same and will result in the same benefits to the original promoters of the leasing law. However, the only reward the small stockman can hope for in a fight against the range leasing, is to stave off final action till he can get out of the business; it is the only possible means by which the large stockgrowers can hold away and continue to grow, and since the government has become so watchful over its remaining public lands to not allow it to get into the hands of these large companies without a reasonable compensation, and through some channel, under some disguise, a leasing law will eventually be passed and the ranges will be gobbled up by the large owners to the practical exclusion of the rancher who depends upon the outside range for pasture for his little dab of cattle or horses, and the homesteader will find himself shut out with a hardware fence.—L. Kevlev Examiner.

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If the legislature does not protect against this proposition," said the Governor, in an interview, "I will telegraph to Washington myself. The people of Oregon should not let this deal be perpetrated without one of the hardest protests and outcries ever raised in the

state. The bill provides that the title of land shall remain with the government, but that the timber can be sold to the highest bidder. This policy should denude the forests and then the land would be nearly worthless.

## ALL TO BOOST FOR OREGON

### HUNGER FOR OREGON INFORMATION CONTINUES.

#### State Superintendent J. B. Ackerman Asks For The Aid of All County Superintendents and Teachers.

Hon. J. H. Ackerman, superintendent of public instruction for the state of Oregon, has requested the Oregon Development League to supply the details of its work and especially the facts relative to the colonist rates to each and every one of the county superintendents throughout the state of Oregon.

Mr. Ackerman believes that the splendid opportunity afforded the people of the Middle West to visit almost every point in Oregon at the low rate of \$25 should be put before the schools, and that all teachers in the state should not only inform themselves of the facts, but impart those facts to their students. This rate of \$25 includes all Missouri River points, St. Paul and contiguous territory; the rate from St. Louis is \$30 and from Chicago \$35, and tickets will be on sale from March 1 to April 30.

There is an absolute hunger for information about Oregon throughout all portions of the United States. In addition to the many thousands that have been coming since December, 3,750 inquiries have been added within the last twelve days. Coos Bay is especially active and the results are paying them well for their expense in time and money. Corvallis receives more attention than any other point in the Willamette Valley, while Medford leads in Southern Oregon. Ralph Ackley, secretary of the Tillamook Development League, has issued a personal letter, which gives in a very brief and effective way the resources of his city and county, and the results will certainly be gratifying.

Many other points in Oregon are at work and the commercial and industrial bodies of the state should get out their very best advertising matter and into the mails without delay.

The Portland Commercial Club added \$2,480 to the fund with which it is advertising the state of Oregon at a dinner last night.

The newspapers of the state are doing a grand work in calling attention to this opportunity to increase the population and wealth of the state, while the teachers and in some cases the preachers are making it their business to interest the citizens of Oregon in inviting those who live in the older sections of the country to come out and make their home in the Beaver State.

A Washington dispatch in the Oregonian says: Senator Fulton had a long conference with the President today in regard to the latter's order suspending all public land entries until they can be examined on the ground by a special agent of the Land Office. The Senator said this order was bound to work hard ship on honest settlers, and was to his mind conducive to more harm than good.

The President admitted that he had never looked on the matter as Mr. Fulton did, and said he could see disadvantages that he knew nothing of when the order was issued. While he made no promise, he rather gave the impression that the order would be modified, particularly as it applies to homestead entries.

Mr. Fulton told the President that the greatest amount of fraud in the past had been committed under the timber and mine act, but he showed that fraud under that law was not such as could be discovered by a special agent visiting the entry. The fraud was usually in the form of an agreement between the surveyor and a prospective purchaser of the land, and such agreements would be no more apparent to a special agent examining the timber than to the department in Washington. For this reason, he believed examination of the timber entries by a special agent would fail to accomplish the President's purpose.

As applied to homesteads the Senator said it would be a hardship to withhold patents from settlers who had complied with the law, mostly because their entries had not been personally inspected by a

special agent. Many times settlers are anxious to obtain title so they can mortgage their land and obtain money for improvements or for other legitimate purposes. Sometimes they might want to sell. The long delays incident to examination would defeat these purposes.

On the other hand, he told the President that out of hundreds of special agents at salaries of \$1200 a year the Government would be bound to get many men who would not be above accepting bribes, and such special agents, instead of protecting honest settlers and exposing crooks, would accept money from men who were breaking the law to sustain their records, but would report adversely on honest entries where the entries would refuse to bribe them. He believed that more fraud would be consummated under this system than is perpetrated now.

The president seemed much impressed and admitted that these arguments placed the matter in an entirely new light and he would go deeper into the situation, intimating, as stated, that he would modify his order, at least in so far as it applies to honest entries.

Senator Carter of Montana and Senator Heyburn of Idaho have both made speeches this week on the policy of the interior department toward settlers, and Senator Heyburn dwelt with some bitterness on the withdrawal of enormous areas of land from settlement in Idaho by means of the forest reserves. There was however a radical difference between the speeches of the two men. Senator Carter was much more radical in his abuse of the department but he was careful to say that the blame was due to Secretary Hitchcock and his subordinates who have deceived the president. Senator Heyburn on the other hand, went straight to the point and laid the responsibility just where it belongs, at the door of the president himself, says the Salt Lake Herald.

Of course Mr. Carter's purpose was to save himself from the charge of any antagonism to the president. He knows as every body else knows, that no department head amounts to much more than a messenger boy for the president; that Hitchcock has not only been advised by the president, but that he has been prodded into a degree of activity, pernicious though it be, by Roosevelt, and that every step he has taken, every reflection he has made on the honesty of western entries, every order he has issued in contravention of law, has been with the entire approval of the chief executive.

Not in the history of the department has any secretary done so much in violation of the acts of congress. The executive order prohibiting the issuance of patents until an examination of the grounds could be made in person by a representative of the department is a case in point. It is a flat defiance of the laws of congress; it inflates great hardships on thousands of entries; it has driven and is driving many into Canada for land who would remain in the United States if they could secure lands here as readily and with as little red tape as they do in the region across the line. The adroit evasion of Mr. Carter deceived no one, least of all the president himself, who will understand the attack is aimed at him over Mr. Hitchcock's shoulders.

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## SOON TAKE SCHOOL CENSUS

### SUPERINTENDENT RIGBY GIVES INFORMATION.

#### Also Adds All The Appointments He Has Made Since Assuming Office—Census Last Week In Month.

Editor Times Herald: Owing to the fact that the school census will be taken soon and also that an apportionment of the school funds will probably be made in a few weeks I wish to say a few words explanatory to these features.

First, it must be remembered that the county school superintendent apportionments all school money on the census taken by the various school clerks and made a part of their annual report to the superintendent after the annual school meeting. He has no other method of ascertaining the number of children in each district and the county.

Second, the school census should be taken promptly the last week in February and careful enumeration of children, actual residence of the district be made.

Below I most cheerfully submit to the public the census reports of each year together with the apportionments made on the same.

Any one can ascertain by this just how much each individual district should have, and also just how every penny of school money has been disposed of.

OCTOBER, 1904.

State apportionment per capita, \$1.60; county 0.306 plus.

Dist. No.	No. pupils	Total rec'd.
1	274	\$522 40
2	90	171 00
3	42	80 20
4	12	22 00
5	18	34 30
6	18	34 30
7	19	36 25
8	42	80 20
9	37	70 65
10	16	30 55
11	94	179 40
12	57	108 85
13	16	30 55
14	32	61 10
15	17	32 45
16	20	38 20
17	22	42 00
18	14	26 74
19	20	38 20
20	19	36 29
21	10	19 10
22	19	36 29
23	17	32 40
24	34	64 94
25	23	43 93
26	12	22 90
27	12	22 90
28	12	22 90

APRIL, 1905.

Apportionment \$7 per capita. A total of \$70 is included in this for teachers attending institute.

Dist. No.	No. pupils	Total rec'd.
1	274	\$1933
2	90	640
3	42	299
4	12	84
5	18	126
6	18	126
7	19	133
8	42	294
9	37	264
10	16	112
11	94	658
12	57	404
13	16	112
14	32	229
15	17	119
16	27	194
17	22	154
18	14	98
19	20	145
20	19	138
21	10	75
22	19	133
23	17	119
24	34	238
25	23	166
26	12	84
27	12	84
28	12	84

OCTOBER, 1906.

Per capita, county, \$4. State fund \$70.50 to each district.

Dist. No.	No. pupils	Total rec'd.
1	265	\$1090 50
2	77	308 50
3	41	164 50
4	13	52 50
5	36	144 50
6	19	76 50
7	30	120 50
8	34	136 50
9	42	168 50
10	18	72 50
11	75	302 50
12	52	208 50
13	30	120 50
14	32	128 50
15	14	56 50
16	20	80 50
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## A Modern Miracle.

### Truly miraculous seemed the recovery of Mrs. Mollie Holt of this place," writes J. O. R. Hooper, Woodford, Tenn. "she was so wasted by coughing up phlegm from her lungs. Doctors declared her end so near that her family had watched by her bed-side forty-eight hours, when, at my urgent request Dr. King's New Discovery was given her, with the astonishing result that improvement began, and continued until she finally completely recovered, and is a healthy woman to-day." Guaranteed cure for coughs and colds. 50c and \$1.00 at the City Drug Store. Trial bottle free.

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